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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **UCHIDA, Toru et al.**

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Examiner: **B. Baumeister**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR PHOTODETECTION DEVICE AND FABRICATION PROCESS THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 3, 2002**, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, paragraph starting at line 17, has been amended as indicated below:

A1
With widespread use of internet, there is emerging tightness of capacity in optical telecommunication network. In order to deal with the problem, the technology of so-called wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) is now becoming in use. In WDM, plural optical carriers of different wavelengths are transmitted via a single optical fiber, wherein the optical carriers are modulated with respective modulation signals.